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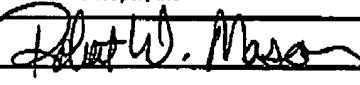
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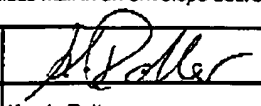
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In response to the Office action dated September 25, 2006, the Applicant amends and requests reconsideration of the application for the reasons set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.